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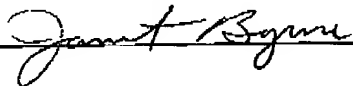
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- 1) Supplemental Response; and
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Serial #: 09/444,739
Applicant: Michael G. Mikurak
Filed: November 22, 1999
Title: TECHNOLOGY SHARING DURING DEMAND AND SUPPLY PLANNING IN A NETWORK-BASED SUPPLY CHAIN ENVIRONMENT
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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL G. MIKURAK

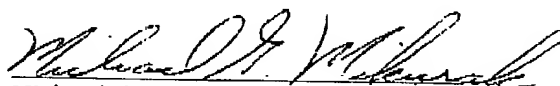
I, MICHAEL G. MIKURAK, hereby declare that:

1. I am the inventor of the invention claimed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/444,739, originally titled "A System, Method, and Article of Manufacture for Technology Sharing During Demand and Supply Planning in a Network-Based Supply Chain Environment", Attorney Docket No. 060021-335501.
2. I was a partner at Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting) from approximately July 1996 until July 2003, at which point I retired.
3. During my tenure at Accenture, I was part of the Supply Chain Management group, developing solutions for numerous global clients. While providing solution proposals to multiple clients in the telecommunications industry, I realized this planning format in a network-based supply chain environment could be used across industries, at which point I sought to patent this invention. This conception occurred before October 19, 1999.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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